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SUBJ: RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT VICTIMS

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FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED CONSULATE IN EVENT INFORMATION  
IS NEEDED TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS RESULTING FROM ARTICLE REPORTED  
IN REFTEL.

1. ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SIX VICTIMS OF 1954 HYDROGEN BOMB TEST  
DISCOVERED THIS YEAR INCORRECT. SIX MARSHALLESE PERSONS WERE  
TREATED SURGICALLY IN U.S. THIS YEAR BUT ONLY TWO OF SIX WERE  
IN THE RONGELAP EXPOSED GROUP AND THEREFORE HAD DISEASE WHICH  
MAY BE RELATED TO RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT. OTHER FOUR, ONE RONGELAP  
CONTROL PERSON AND THREE PEOPLE FROM UTIRIK, WERE STUDIED TO  
DETERMINE NATURAL INCIDENCE OF THYROID DISEASE IN THE MARSHALLESE  
POPULATION. THE CONTROL PERSON FROM RONGELAP HAD NO EXPOSURE  
TO FALLOUT FROM THE MARCH 1, 1954, TEST, AND THE PEOPLE FROM  
UTIRIK HAD TOO LITTLE RADIATION TO CAUSE THYROID DISEASE.

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COMPENSATION UNDER U.S. PUBLIC LAW 88-485 WAS PROVIDED BY CONGRESS  
IN 1964 AND ONLY TO RONGELAP INHABITANTS EXPOSED ON RONGELAP

AND AILINGINAE ATOLLS. NO OTHER COMPENSATION HAS BEEN PAID BY THE U.S. SINCE 1964.

2. TWO PROMINENT JAPANESE PHYSICIANS, DRS. KUMATORI AND EZAKI, PARTICIPATED AS OBSERVERS IN SEPTEMBER 1972 MEDICAL SURVEY OF RONGELAP AND UTIRIK ATOLLS LED BY USAEC'S BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY MEDICAL TEAM. THEIR REPORTS, WHICH WERE SUBMITTED TO THE MICRONESIAN SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE CONCERNING RONGELAP AND UTIRIK ATOLLS AND PUBLISHED IN A REPORT OF THAT COMMITTEE, PRAISED SCIENTIFIC MERIT OF BROOKHAVEN MEDICAL SURVEYS. ROGERS

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